



## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management

Plant Protection and Weed Management Section

Ginseng Management Program

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#### APPLICATION FOR GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT

#### FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE ONLY

Date Application Recd. \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid \$2.00

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

In accordance with the provisions of Agriculture Article, Section 9-602A, Annotated Code of Maryland, - "A PERSON WHO COLLECTS AND HARVESTS GINSENG FOR SALE SHALL HOLD A VALID ANNUAL COLLECTION PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT, "hereby apply for a GINSENG COLLECTING PERMIT.

**APPLICATIONS ONLY ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 1<sup>st</sup>. PLEASE FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY. SEND SIGNED APPLICATION WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$2.00 (PAYABLE TO MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) to:**

**GINSENG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
P.O. Box 17304  
Baltimore, MD 21297-1304**

#### PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Ginseng roots may only be collected from September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>: roots from plants with fewer than 3 five-leaflet leaves (prongs) or with immature seeds (green Berries) may not be collected; **plants must be a minimum of 5 years of age**; and all seeds from collected plants shall be immediately planted in the vicinity of the collected plants at a depth of 1 ¼ inches. As of the 2013 collecting season, ginseng harvest on state lands managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is no longer permitted. Permission is required to collect on private property. Trespass laws apply.

I agree to keep the following records and to give them to the Maryland Department of Agriculture on request:

- The total amount (in pounds and ounces) of Ginseng harvested.
- The name and address of the dealer who bought my Ginseng.
- The county or counties where my Ginseng was collected.

***I understand that Ginseng may be sold only to a dealer licensed by this Department and that it must be certified before shipment from Maryland.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Over)

# 2015 Ginseng Collecting Survey

**Please check or answer the items below that apply to you. (Please fill out even if you did not collect ginseng.)**  
**This information, it is extremely important. Data collected may help to preserve the American Ginseng Management Program in Maryland.**

I collected ginseng during 2014 Ginseng season: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

From what county/counties did you collect ginseng: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of ginseng dug (dry weight): \_\_\_\_\_ lbs., \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Amount of ginseng for personal use (list weight): \_\_\_\_\_ lbs., \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Amount of ginseng sold (list weight): \_\_\_\_\_ lbs., \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

I sold my ginseng to (name and address): \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to collecting ginseng during 2015: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

## Program Feedback Questions

The Maryland Ginseng Management Program is considering developing a new category of license; a Ginseng Growers license, to address the increasing interest in growing ginseng as an alternative crop and the increasing demand for traditionally harvested and fresh (green) ginseng. The program would be aimed at providing services such as crop certification and inspection and making pest management recommendations for Maryland ginseng growers. Additionally this program would serve to help protect those who grow ginseng in Maryland from potential future restrictions on wild ginseng harvest.

1. Would you be interested in this type of program? \_\_\_\_\_ Why/Why not?

The Maryland Ginseng Management Program has not increased fees for nearly 35 years (since 1982). The annual fees received from program participants falls far short of paying for the program costs. Under current consideration is changing the collector's permit fee from \$2 to \$10, and the Dealer's License from \$20 to \$100.

2. Would you support an increase in fees if it would ensure the continuance of program services and help more fully fund the program? \_\_\_\_\_ Why/Why not?
3. What, in your opinion, is the greatest threat to the preservation of wild American ginseng?